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BULLETIN

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A special message from the President

- Tom Becker -



John Munoz

Dear Southport Members,

John Munoz, who has served the club as Maintenance Chair since the spring of 2009, has asked to step down from the position due to increased responsibilities required of his regular job. I would personally like to thank him for his consistent and thorough dedication to the club for the last five years.

So, we are looking for a member to fill this vacancy. The job entails coordinating maintenance activities of the members, generally using the telephone. The "Time, Talent and Tools" list identifies the particular capabilities of each member. The Maintenance Chair works to spread out the projects that may include anything from cleaning parties to painting, repairing or construction activities to keep the physical properties in service. Please let me know if you're interested in taking on this job for a year or two. Dues credits (one month dues for every 4 hours contributed) apply!

In our last newsletter I presented the concerns regarding Illinois CCW instruction at our range. The main issues were the use of the NRA B-27 human silhouette target and shooting that target from short distances. The use of human silhouette targets has always been prohibited at our range for "political correctness" reasons. Shooting a large target from short range is a safety issue as the trajectory of bullets fired from typical short-barreled concealed carry type weapons are not assured to hit the bullet trap. Please refer to the last "Winter 2014" newsletter and the January 14th meeting minutes that are available on the Members Only page of the club website. Password: 22caliber.

A committee had been formed to recommend changes in our existing situation that would allow club members to conduct the Illinois CCW training program, particularly the required live-fire exercises. Please refer to the December 10, 2013 meeting minutes also on the Members Only page of the club website.

At the recent January 14th club meeting, the committee's only recommendation was to allow general use of the B-27 human silhouette target. After some initial discussion, it was moved and seconded to allow the B-27 target and any similar but smaller NRA silhouette target to be used on the range. As the discussion progressed, citing Robert's Rules of Order, the question was called for a vote. I complied by immediately asking for the vote and the motion passed by a one-vote margin.

A motion was also made and seconded to limit the position of the target to the 50ft distance, (on the plywood). This motion effectively bars the Illinois CCW live-fire exercise on the range. Again, during discussions, the question was called for a vote. I complied immediately and the motion passed.

Unfortunately, I was not aware that Roberts Rules of Order require that "calling the question" (ending debate) must first be seconded and then approved by a 2/3 majority before voting on the original motion. For this reason, and in response to members who have communicated their concerns to me after the meeting, I will re-visit these two motions at the next club meeting. To participate in further discussions on this issue, please attend the February 11th club meeting.

A third motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote, requiring: anyone who conducts a formal firearms training program at the club must retain a minimum \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance coverage that specifically lists Southport Gun Club, Inc. as also insured.

I attended an open meeting, sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, on the Hwy 50 expansion project on January 23rd. The photo below shows that the proposed changes to the frontage

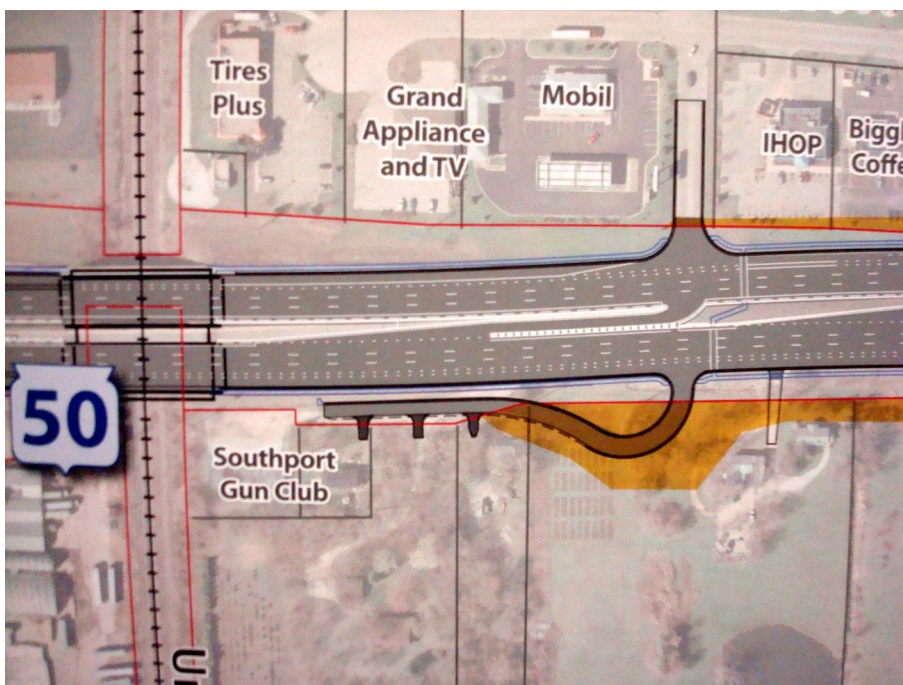
roadway that serves the club are the same as those presented at the last open meeting.

The new Hwy 50, with three lanes in each direction, a bicycle lane and a walkway on each side, will extend South of the existing roadway. This means that a retaining wall will be constructed at the North side of the club's parking lot. The hairpin turn onto the frontage road, will be moved further East, opposite the Menard's entrance. Although it will only be slightly less "hairpin" in nature, the addition of deceleration and acceleration lanes off of and onto Hwy 50 will make it safer. The project is now slated to begin in 2017, although it may be delayed further. Access to the club will be open at all times as they will be doing one half of the highway at a time. I asked one of the project engineers, "who will be responsible for maintenance (surface condition, snow plowing, pot holes, drainage ditches, etc.) of the new frontage road?" He promised to get back to us in the next few months. I'll keep you informed as answers becomes available.

Southport is proud to be sponsoring both the State Indoor Conventional Pistol and the State Indoor Smallbore Rifle Championships this spring. All members are encouraged to participate. See the notices below and the invitational fliers on our website.

Best of the new year (our 60th Anniversary) to you all...

Tom



PROPOSED HWY 50 EXPANSION

Red lines indicate State Right of Way. Amber areas show proposed extension of the Right of Way. The blue lines are retaining walls. (Notice, the existing and the proposed access roadways are both inside the State's Right of Way).

Three traffic lanes are shown in large road stripes. Bicycle lanes are within the small stripes. Pedestrian lanes, at the roadway edges, and bicycle lanes will also serve as deceleration/acceleration lanes for the access roads and driveways.

WISCONSIN INDOOR SMALLBORE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP

March 21st, 22nd, 23rd 2014
3 Position, any rifle, an sights

Fees: Across the Board **\$35.00**, Junior **\$25.00**
(Fees include NRA registration fee of \$5.50
and WI-FORCE registration fee of \$4.00)

RELAYS: #1-Friday, 6:00 PM,
#2-Saturday, 8:00 AM, #3-1:00 PM, #4-6:00 PM
#5-Sunday, 8:00 AM, #6-1:00 PM

(See form at www.southportgunclub.org)

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WISCONSIN INDOOR CONVENTIONAL PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP

April 11-13, 2014
2-gun 1800

Fees: .22 only **\$25.00** Across the board **\$35.00**
RELAYS: Friday 6:30 PM,
Saturday and Sunday 8:30AM and 12:30 PM.

**All shooters must be NRA and
Wisconsin-FORCE Members**

Email: matchdirector@southportgunclub.org
Please include your Name, classification, phone number, and
relay desired. (See form at www.southportgunclub.org).
Your reservation will be confirmed via email.
Or Phone: Nick Kasemeotes (443) 421-5446